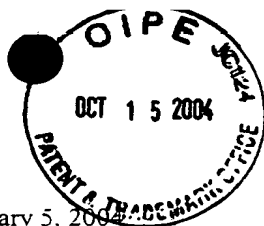


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Sir:

This communication is filed in response to the Office action dated January 5, 2004 (Paper No 6). The three month period for responding to the Office action expired on April 5, 2004. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request and petition that the response date be extended, for two months, to June 5, 2004. The \$420.00 extension of time fee is enclosed.

The following remarks are submitted for the Examiner's consideration.

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